

## Executive Committee Meeting

**Date:** 04/08/2023

**Time:** 9:00-10:30 am

**Location:** *To be held digitally using Zoom Meeting*

**Attendees:** Duy Le, Darlene Slattery, Pavithra Pathirathna, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Van Quach, Stephen Smith, D K Weerasinghe, Luke Roberson, Muzammil (Mill) Mohammed, Christopher Chouinard, Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Laura Sessions

### Minutes:

- Approve minutes from March 2023 minutes.
  - Nicole made a motion to approve minutes, and Denisia seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes.
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
  - Two candidates for the 2024 president-elect were chosen, Dorothy Phillips and Florian Schattenmann.
  - The committee on "committees" announced that the online preference form for members choosing potential committees opens on April 3rd and runs through July 3rd. Anyone interested in serving on national committees is encouraged to fill out those committees.
  - The membership affairs recommended the schedule of membership for 2024, and the council approved it. The schedule is going to maintain the dues at the current level.
  - The changes made are:
    - A waiver for disabled members is being updated.
    - A standard package is now available for society affiliates.
    - The age requirement for emeritus states has been dropped.
    - The LSAC committee has a directory of potential speakers that are willing to give talks in-person and virtual.
  - Attended the science and engineering meeting in Lakeland, and in collaboration with chemistry judges, a project was chosen for the Avogadro Award.

- Update from Treasurer (Van)
  - Councilor reimbursement (Darlene : 80% reimbursement from the National)
  - 3rd travel award - (only two were awarded) the following were paid: Jacob Bryant and Lorianne Shultz, both from UCF.
  
- Update from Chair (Nicole)
  - The student travel awards were allocated to "ACS sponsoring conferences," not just for the national ACS meeting.
  - Denisia made a motion to accept the budget, and Laura seconded it. All are in favor of approving the budget.
  
- YCC Update (Mill)
  - YCC is planning to have an in-person (workshop on resume building) event at the FAME and looking for a suitable candidate to do this workshop.
  - YCC submitted a grant to ACS.
  
- SERMAC update. *Please note that no decision regarding SERMAC will be made in our executive meeting. The update is meant to keep the executive committee members informed and let them know if help is needed. (Chris C.)*
  - *The responses from venues were to decline to bid due to the wrong guest rooms to meeting space ratio.*
  - *Chris will email Brianne about the next plan together with Wyndham as a possible venue.*
  
- Poem Contest
  - Denisia mentioned that she received many positive comments about the poem contest/ACS from one of the middle schools that won an award from a previous poem contest.
  - Duy distributed the information about the poem contest to school board members of our seven counties. Although submissions have yet to be received, Duy mentioned that a lot of traffic can be seen on our website.

- Earth day
  - Duy had ordered free ACS items and will pass them on to Titel.
- Summer Social
  - Will continue discussing the venue and a potential speaker for the summer social.
- Salutes to excellence
  - Denisia will prepare an application to include Orlando Science Center for Salutes to Excellence outreach program.
- Certificates for established members
  - Will distribute these certificates during the summer social, and for the ones who can't make it will distribute during the annual banquet.
- Meeting adjourned at 10. 30 AM.
- Next meeting: 9.00AM-10.30AM on **05/13/2023**